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THE ALLIED INDIAN TRIBES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
MEMORANDUM FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

1. This Memorandum is respectfully presented on behalf of the allied Indian Tribes of British Columbia, including all the principal Tribes of that Province.
2. The object of the Memorandum is to place before the Government of Canada as clearly and briefly as possible the main features of the position taken by the allied Tribes.
3. The allied Tribes submit that it is impossible to justify the position taken by the Province of British Columbia during more than fifty years, that of denying that the Indian Tribes of British Columbia have the territorial land rights claimed by them or any title whatever to their territories.
4. In Colonial days the title of the Indian Tribes was fully recognized by the Imperial Parliament, by the Imperial Government, and by Colonial Authorities, as is shown by the following facts:-
 - (1) In accordance with the Proclamation issued by King George Third in the year 1763, the Imperial Statutes by which the Colonies of Vancouver's Island and British Columbia were established (12 & 13 Vict. C. 48 and 21 & 22 Vict. C. 99) describe the territories included in the Colonies as being parts of the "Indian Territories."
 - (2) On 6th February 1861 the House of Assembly of the Colony of Vancouver Island addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies Petition relating to the purchase of the lands of the Indians, from which the following words are quoted:- "That the House of Assembly respectfully consider that the extinction of the aboriginal title is obligatory on the Imperial Parliament."

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